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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**In the Claims:**

1. A method of selling a quantity of electric energy between at least two participants using a computer network, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) connecting a first participant to a database display coupled to said network;
  - (b) connecting a second participant to the database display coupled to said network;
- and
- (c) displaying a price for the quantity of electrical energy.